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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/889,791	Applicant(s) FUJITA ET AL. 
	Examiner Nasser Ahmad	Art Unit 1772

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 December 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,6-11,16 and 17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,6-11,16 and 17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Rejections Withdrawn

Claims 1-2, 6-8 and 16-17 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by English abstract of Japanese: 4-319433 for reasons of record in paper no. 9, paragraph-5, mailed on July 7, 2003.

Claims 1-2, 6-11 and 16-17 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the English Abstract of Japanese:4-319433 for reasons of record in paper no. 9, paragraph-7.

Claims 1-2, 6-11 and 16-17 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph for reasons of record in paper no. 9, paragraph-9.

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-2, 6-11 and 16-17 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-2, 6-11 and 16-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Nobuo (English Abstract of Japanese: 8-247629).


Nobuo relates to laminate comprising a substrate (2), an adhesive (9) which comprises a foaming agent (11) and at least one selected from a thermosetting resin and a photosetting resin, and an adhesive that does not become capable of release when receiving energy (6). The adhesive (6) is a polymeric material and the adhesive (9) can be acrylic. In the alternative, the portion of the adhesive (9) next to the layer (6) appears to be free of the foaming agent (as shown in the drawings) and hence, is taken to be adhesive resin that does not become capable of release in the absence of the foaming agent. Further, figures 2 and 3 shows that the laminate can include another adhesive (9) and another substrate (5) on the opposite surface of the layer (6).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nasser Ahmad whose telephone number is 571-272-1487. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM, and on alternate Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Harold Pyon can be reached on 571-272-1498. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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March 17, 2004.